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Whereas, One of the most beloved names associated with Indiana basketball is John Wooden;

Whereas, Coach Wooden's athletic achievements are well documented, but it is difficult to comprehend the full magnitude of his impact on the sport of basketball;

Whereas, Coach Wooden won ten NCAA men's basketball championships, won seven NCAA championships in seven consecutive years (1967, 1968, 1969, 1970, 1971, 1972, and 1973), and had 38 straight victories in NCAA tournament play between 1964 and 1974;

Whereas, Coach Wooden also made 16 appearances in the Final Four, nine of which were consecutive, and had 88 consecutive victories during the 1971, 1972, and 1973 seasons;

Whereas, Coach Wooden was inducted into the Basketball Hall of Fame as both a player (class of 1961) and a coach (class of 1973), the first person ever to be admitted in both categories;

Whereas, Born in Hall, Indiana, on October 14, 1910, Coach Wooden led Martinsville High School to the state championship finals for three consecutive years, winning the



tournament in 1927;

Whereas, While attending Purdue University, Coach Wooden was a three-time All-American guard, was named All-Big Ten and All-Midwestern (1930-1932), and was a member of Purdue's 1932 national championship team;

Whereas, Coach Wooden graduated from Purdue in 1932 with a degree in English and later earned a master's degree at Indiana State Teacher's College, now Indiana State University;

Whereas, Coach Wooden remained at Indiana State University from 1946-1948, serving as athletic director and basketball coach;

Whereas, Throughout his career as a player and a coach, Coach Wooden stressed the importance of strength of character and loyalty, realizing that basketball was much more than a game and could inspire its participants to accomplish great things; and

Whereas, Although Coach Wooden's accomplishments are world renowned, he began his career here in Indiana; therefore, it is fitting that special recognition be given to this outstanding athlete and educator: Therefore,

*Be it resolved by the House of Representatives
of the General Assembly of the State of Indiana,
the Senate concurring:*

1 SECTION 1. That the Indiana General Assembly recognizes the
2 many accomplishments and contributions of John Wooden to
3 basketball and Indiana by naming Highway 67 from Martinsville to
4 Mooresville the John R. Wooden Way.

5 SECTION 2. That the Principal Clerk of the House of
6 Representatives shall transmit a copy of this resolution to the
7 commissioner of the Indiana department of transportation.

